Dr. R.M.L. Hospital are due to non-availiability of proper and working machines especially in the cases of emergency patients;

(c) whether Government have taken any corrective measures to stop deaths in such cases in these hospitals; and

(d) what kind of latest equipments are being provided to these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) In so far as Central Government Hospitals in Delhi are concerned, all essential life saving equipments are available in working condition and no death has been reported due to lack of latest equipments. The procurement/upgradation and replacement of equipments by the Central Government hospitals is a continuous process and latest equipments are procured by the hospitals on the basis of requirement and availibility of funds.

Financial assistance for poor patients from Ministers's fund

†1908. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of grant provided from his discretionary quota for the admission of poor and needy patients in the hospitals for meeting out their medical expenses during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of patients financially assisted from the said grant during the period;

(c) whether the amount of grant was not utilized during the said period;

(d) if so, the reasons for not utilizing this allocation fully; and

(e) the number of patients still waiting to receive grant from this fund?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b):

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(Rs. in lakhs)

Years	Total expenditure	No. of beneficiaries
2002-03	103.00	595
2003-04	53.00	303
2004-05	43.19	227

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The reasons for not utilizing this allocation fully are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(e) About 750 applications are still under consideration.

Statement

Reasons for non-utilization of grant

(i) Non receipt of application complete in all respects.

(ii) Annual Family income is more than Rs. 50,000/-

(iii) Request for assistance for reimbursement of expenditure already incurred, not admissible.

(iv) Non-admissibility of financial assistance for treatment of TB or diseases of common nature.

(v) Treatment in private hospital not admissible.

(vi) The patient a Central Govt./State Govt./PSU employees.

(vii) Replies to Commitment letters are not received from the hospitals to whom the funds are released for the treatment of patients.

(viii) After initial application, patients do not respond.

Poor healthcare facilities

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SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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